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Group Art Unit 1753

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Title: PROCESS FOR APPLYING
PROTECTIVE AND DECORATIVE
COATING ON AN ARTICLE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 8,
2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. [thrice amended] A process of depositing a multi layer
coating on at least a portion of an article surface comprising:
depositing by electroplating at least one metal or metal
alloy containing layer on at least a portion of said article
surface;

subjecting said article surface having said at least one
electroplated layer to pulses of air to dry and clean said
electroplated article surface; and

depositing by physical vapor deposition at least one layer
comprising a material selected from the group consisting of

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